Older Brother Complex

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CHAPTER 4

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MORNING, MAACHI!
chirp
chirp
Smile
FRENCH TOAST FOR BREAKFAST!
OKAY..
SIGH...

After he said that, I couldn't stop thinking.
My mind wouldn't let me sleep.
HUH?
MAACHI, WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
U-UM, I'M FINE !
I JUST DIDN'T SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT
SITS

Maybe Onii-chan really can't see me as anything but his sister?
He called me his precious "sister"...
I did such a bold thing last night but Onii-chan didn't even blush.
No. If I keep thinking I'm gonna cry...
Gr◎an
!
THUMP
IF YOU DON'T FINISH SOON, YOU'LL BE LATE
MAACHI...

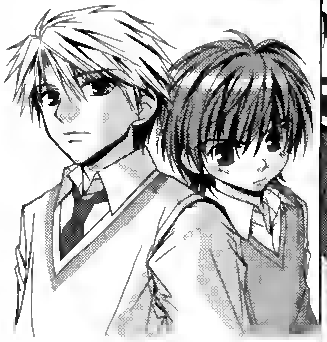
A-ACTUALLY I MIGHT BE A LITTLE SICK...
GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME...
MM?
TAP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! IF YOU'RE SICK I SHOULD STAY HERE WITH YOU
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE ALONE!
HUH? N-NO, YOU SHOULDN'T!
ONII-CHAN, YOU HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE!
I'M FINE I'M FINE
I'LL REST A BIT AND GO IN LATE
Don't worry about me!
OKAY, I'M LEAVING THEN
HAVE A GREAT DAY!!
SLAM
Sigh...

My brother's lovingly-made french toast
for some reason, it wouldn't go down my throat.
YOU DID MISS FIRST PERIOD
Didn't your brother make that for you?
IS SOMETHING UP, MAACHI?
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?

When they told me "We need a new serialization for Chuchu's first issue" I was in a sappy mood, so my first idea was a "lyrical but realistic story of first love" kind of thing. But, when I put the plot on paper, they said it wasn't interesting and sent it back.

After that I switched out the setting and plot, and the manga slowly turned into "Ani-com". (Huh?!)

Add this to the oneshot I was also working on at the time, and I thought up the plots for 7 or 8 volumes in one month. I thought I was going to die.



YEAH YEAH
EVEN IF YOU'RE "BROTHER AND SISTER", IT'S NOT BIOLOGICAL
WITH SUCH A COOL BROTHER, ALL OTHER GUYS MUST LOOK BLURRY TO YOU
... BUT, MAYBE IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA EAT THIS?
Snatch
U-
THEN AGAIN, NOTHING WILL COME OF IT
U-uh... ah..
AND FOUND SOMEONE ELSE TO LOVE?
MAACHI, ISN'T IT TIME YOU GREW UP FROM YOUR BROTHER
Jun!
AAAAAH!
BITE

ONII-CHAN'S HOMEMADE TAMAGO-YAKI!!
GONE!
What?
YOU WERE EATING THAT?!
GONE!
JUN, LET'S SPLIT!
ON MY WAY!
DEEE-EEEEH!
WELL THEN,
THANKS FOR THE GRUB!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS? THAT PUNK!
WOW! THE MOOD WAS PERFECT!
He's my brother's complete opposite
HEY, HEY! WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?!
MAACHI, WHY DON'T YOU SWITCH OVER TO JUN?
WHAT?

Noooo there's only one roll left...
JUN DATES EVERY ONE OF THE STEADY NUMBER OF GIRLS WHO CONFESS TO HIM
BUT HE'S NEVER CONFESSED TO ANYONE HIMSELF
QUIT IT! HE'S SO INCONSIDERATE!
Kya!
MAYBE HE HAS A CRUSH ON MAACHI!
ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT JUN TALKS TO A GIRL
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
That's impossible!
He doesn't fit me at all!
I'M NOT INTERESTED
Hmph!
In boys other than Onii-chan!
Hehe!
Hehe!
EVEN THOUGH HE ACTS LIKE THAT, MAYBE HE'S A STRONG TYPE...?!
DING
DONG
Really, Riru-riru and Uzu-uzu...
they don't understand my feelings.

SWISH
SHINON-OME, YOU WERE LATE TODAY, RIGHT?
COULD YOU TAKE THESE TO THE ART ROOM?
SURE
I'LL TAKE EM
JUN...
SNATCH
Just when someone's heart is breaking..
Damn..
Heavy
Heavy..
Ow
How many kilograms is this?
THAT LOOKS PRETTY HEAVY

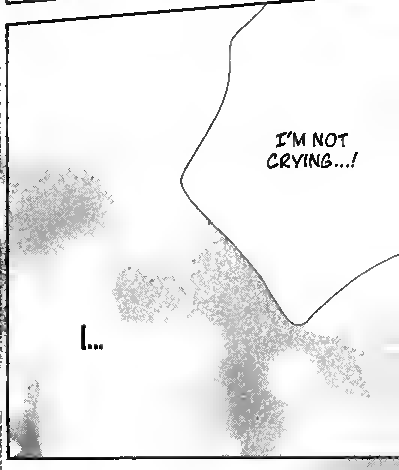
THANKS
TH...
GRAB
glance
...
Stare...
WH-
WHAT IS IT?

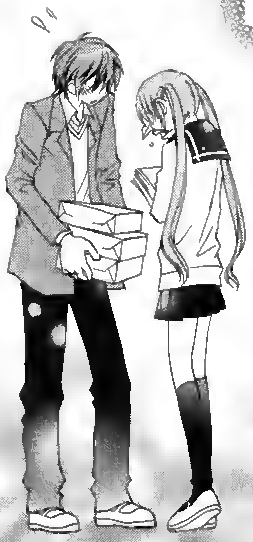
HAWHA!?
ARE YOU GONNA COSPLAY AGAIN?
SHOCK!
AH— SORRY.
YOU SAID THAT'D BE A SECRET AT SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?!
...WAIT, YOU— SHHHHHH!
...THANKS.
Huh?
Hmmmm?
BUT YOU KNOW— MY SISTER IS REALLY LIVELY LATELY
I THOUGHT THAT— IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF YOU.

THUMP
HUH?
HEY, DURING LUNCH PERIOD...
...WHAT YOU GUYS WERE TALKING ABOUT...
LOOK, YOU GUYS WERE SO FRICKIN LOUD...
WHAT?! YOU WERE LISTENING?!
NOT DENYING A THING
YOU REALLY ARE A SISCON!
Following us to the assembly hall was quite something!
IT DOESN'T MATTER
EVEN IF NO ONE UNDERSTANDS YOU
...WHAT?

IF YOU LOVE YOUR BROTHER, THEN...
WHAT'S IMPORTANT
ARE YOUR FEELINGS... RIGHT?
WELL...
I'M NOT GOOD AT PUTTING THINGS INTO—
WORDS!
WHAT!?
SNIFF
SNIFF
WILTING

Is that really okay?





I'll always love my brother.

SNIIIIFF
DRIP
DROP
WHAT'S WRONG?
UH, NO, IT'S NOTHING

I'M STAYING LATE WITH THE COMMITTEE, SO—
MAACHI,
1-B
DING
DONG
—WHAT?

REALLY—
1-B
MAACHI WENT HOME WITH RIRU-RIRU AND THE OTHERS
Oh my god!

PSSSHH
Why...
...am I avoiding my brother?
I have to see his face every day.
But if I had to see Onii-chan's face today
that would be a little painful...
If I saw him now
I'd probably cry.
DAIP
SCRUB SCRUB
UNFFK!

IT DOESN'T MATTER
EVEN IF NO ONE UNDERSTANDS YOU
I'm glad that Jun could say those words.
But the fact that Onii-chan will leave me really doesn't change...
One day, with another girl...
NO
I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT
GOTTA GO

Onii-chan....?
He's home!
SLAM!
CLACK CLACK
THUMP
BANG!
SFX: RUNNING FEET
TATATATATATA...
What?
He's rushing like crazy!
Come to think of it, Postal Maid airs today!
MAACHI!
MAACHI?!
What?!
KNOCK
KNOCK
JUMP!
HYA!
THUMP
THUMP
Did he forget to record it or something?
THUMP
THUMP

Click
Whew!
THANK GOD YOU'RE HOME
CAN WE TALK FOR A MINUTE?
HM? WHAT ABOUT POSTAL MAID?
I HAVE THE RECORDING SET, I'LL WATCH LATER
MAACHI,
CAN YOU TELL ME UPFRONT

WHETHER ANYTHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND JUN?
...HUH?
He was worried...
Between me and Jun?
WHY...
YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE THIS MORNING AND...
I SAW YOU WITH JUN AT SCHOOL TODAY AND...
YOU LEFT FOR HOME WITHOUT TELLING ME
AND... I WAS WORRIED
What...?
THAT IS, UH...
NO... IT'S NOTHING
ONII-CHAN?

Could he have run all the way home?
When I look carefully
Onii-chan is sweating.
His uniform
is stained with mud at the ankles.
Worrying about me...
Kyaan...
SFX. ROMANTIC SOUND
HM—
Y-YOU SEE, JUN I WERE JUST CARRYING SUPPLIES—!
He saw that?!
THUMP
WH- WHAT? AS IF! YOU WERE JUST IMAGINING THINGS—!!
BUT MAACHI, YOU WERE CRYING—

WHEN I THINK OF YOU GOING AWAY AND LEAVING ME
I GET SO NERVOUS
Huh?
THUMP
I SEE
THAT'S WONDERFUL
Huh?
What does this...
ONII-CHAN...!?

Onii-chan....!?
IT MUST BE MY SELFISH-NESS
WANTING YOU TO STAY WITH ME ALWAYS, AS MY SISTER
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I'm free... to keep hoping!?
....That means
Was he... worying about me with Jun?

I...
I'LL ALWAYS STAY WITH YOU!
MAACHI
ONII-CHAN

COMING
And the mood was finally right!!
CLICK
THUMP
THUMP
DING DONG
BEEN
HUH?
NISHIZONO...!?

MEI!
WHAT'S WRONG!? YOU'RE SOAKING WET!
MEI...!?
Waa!
MAACHI-CHAN....!!
WHEN I GOT HOME TODAY...
I FOUND MY SKETCHBOOK IN THE KITCHEN WASTEBIN... TORN UP
HUH... ISN'T THAT THE SKETCH YOU GOT FROM YESTERDAY'S...
!!
Gasp!

THIS... THIS IS TOO TERRIBLE...!!
MI... MINAZUKI-SAN'S HANDDRAWN AUTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATION...!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I SAY I TREASURE IT, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND...
...BUT TO MY MOTHER AND FATHER, IT BELONGS IN THE TRASH...
NO, WHAT'S MORE, THEY INSIST IT'S ROTTING MY MIND, ARBITRARILY
MEI...
I CAN'T LIVE THERE ANY LONGER...!

CAN I STAY HERE FOR A WHILE?
PLEASE,
HUH!?
YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY!?

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Seeing this one to the end, only 6 chapters left.
Short and sweet, perfect ;D

-Girsey

PS. Still looking for editors.